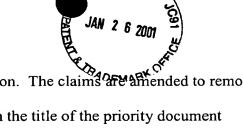
## REMARKS



Claims 1-18 are active in the present application. The claims are amended to remove multiple dependencies. The title is amended to match the title of the priority document PCT/FR00/00239. No new matter is added. An action on the merits and allowance of the claims is solicited.

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